

For Your Information
Weekly
FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF
March 23, 2012

FROM CITY MANAGER STEVE MCKOWN

GREAT NEWS, at their respective Board meetings Wednesday night at the Youth Center, AYSO and River's Jr. voted and approved the two organizations to merge as one entity! This is a "huge" opportunity for both organizations to improve the quality of recreation to the public it serves. City staff is excited about this collaboration and the possibilities it creates, as it falls directly in line with the Recreation Department's Mission Statement and Goals, Purpose and Vision.

Annual Spring Cleaning

When: March 31, 2012
What Time: 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Where: Under the Chickee at the Clewiston Youth Center
On the corner of Royal Palm & Osceola Avenue
And: Hotdog Lunch at 11:30 a.m. for participants

Other Dates to Remember:

March 24, 2012	Hospital Foundation Fundraiser at the Hilliard Cabin
March 31, 2012	Presbyterian Nicaraguan Nurses Association Golf Tournament
April 13-14, 2012	26 th Annual Sugar Festival
April 30, 2012	Renaming of the HRMC Family Care Center in Memorial of Dr. James Forbes

Staff Reports

Community Development Director Reese reports:

- Code Enforcement has opened seven (7) new cases – three (3) for overgrowth and three (3) for property maintenance and one for illegal construction, closed five (5) cases.
- There are new owners of the Lopez St. Apartments located at 550 S. Lopez (22 units). Yasir Khan, current owner of Clewiston Town Center, has purchased this building and is in the process of remodeling.
- Lot #25 in Everglades trailer park was heavily damaged by fire on Friday, March 16th. The Fire Marshal has placed a thirty (30) day demolition notice on the dangerous building.

Golf Course Director Pena reports:

- Crooked Hook's final gathering for this season was this past Thursday. Hard to believe winter is over and our winter guests are returning home almost daily.

- The 25th annual Rotary Club tournament benefitting the Campbell & Frances Nall Scholarship was March 17. 102 players participated in the 3-person fun scramble. The team of Dennis Edwards, Glen Baxter and Fred Waid were the overall winners. Ben Sellers of West Palm Beach had a hole-in-one on the 9th hole. Tournament Chair Andrew Couse reported estimated net revenue for the scholarship fund of nearly \$11,000.
- The 1st annual Clewiston Community Presbyterian Church event benefitting the Nicaraguan Medical Mission trip is scheduled for Saturday, March 31st. Signups are in the Pro Shop or contact Alice or Victor Blandford (863) 873-2547. Cost is \$75 per person or a foursome for \$300.
- The Moore Haven Terrier Boosters have booked their annual event for Saturday, April 21st. Contact Mike Pressley or Glades Co. Sheriff Stuart Whiddon for more details.
- Don't forget to check out our calendar for other events and specials.

Library Director Tommerdahl reports:

- On Thursday, March 15, Ms. Maria visited Harvest Academy to present a Roaming Storytime. There were 15 children and 3 teachers present to hear our stimulating stories.
- On Tuesday, March 20, Ms. Maria visited Covenant Academy to present a Roaming Storytime. There were 16 children and 2 teachers present to hear two excellent stories.

Police Chief Gutshall reports:

- Our newest employee, Robert Pass, is now working in Records. He seems like a great fit so far. Please take an opportunity to stop by and meet him.
- We had a departmental meeting Wednesday, set mainly to reveal our new command structure. Matt Beatty and Patrick Malley will both be promoted to Patrol Sergeant, Chad Pelham will be promoted to Lieutenant of Administration, and we will hire someone from the outside to fill a Lieutenant's position over patrol. Curtis Clay will continue as CID Supervisor and Training Officer, and will also pick up the duties of K-9 Supervisor.
- CID and Patrol worked a death investigation Saturday at a local hotel. A 28 year old Central Florida man appears to have taken his own life. The investigation is ongoing.
- This week begins the "Click it or Ticket" period. Please remember to buckle up.
- Following is a brief synopsis of the week's activity:

1118	Commercial / Residential Security Checks
51	Complaints Investigated
36	Traffic Citations Issued
83	Red Light Photo Violations Issued
4	Criminal Arrests Made
2	City Ordinance Violations Issued
89	Merchant Escorts Provided
18	Alarms Responded To
2	Traffic Accidents Investigated

Public Works Director Scheffler reports:

- Staff is power washing sidewalks on Bond Street. Wal-Mart donated a pallet of potting soil and we are enriching the soil around the palms with it. Bromeliads will then be planted at the base of the palms.
- A drainage repair was made on the corner of Osceola and Crescent Drive. Broken clay pipe was discovered when a property owner was installing new driveways.
- A fresh coat of paint is going on the displays on Central Avenue. Plans are underway to add two more displays very soon.
- Need a program for you civic group or organization? The Public Works Director will come and share with you what the City is doing and what you can do to keep our surface water clean. For more information call 983-1471 and ask for Sean.
- An upgrade to the power supply on the Utility building is under way. This will give us a way to check and maintain the outside security lights and provide a power access to our Christmas decorations.
- Looking for a way to make life better, recycle, the long term benefit outweighs the short term learning curve.

Recreation Director Ramer reports:

- The City of Clewiston will host a qualifying round of games for the Univision Soccer Tournament Series at Sugarland Sports Complex on April 7th. 53 teams from S. Florida will meet in Clewiston to play for invitation in the Championship Series in Mid-May.
- The City of Clewiston Recreation Department, the Clewiston Ministerial Association and the ACFC (Active Citizens For Children) will join together again to present a “Community Easter EGGSTRAVAGANZA” on April 7th under the banyan trees north of the John Boy Auditorium from 10:00 a.m. – Noon. Egg hunts, bounce houses, games, prizes and fun for all. Make plans to attend!
- “Spring Cleaning” has begun at the Clewiston Recreation Dept. New mulch for Trinidad and Candy Cane Park will be placed and spread this week and the Spray Park will be getting a “scrubbing” and “touch-up” as well as much needed repairs. The Civic Park and Sugar Festival Field is also scheduled to get some “sprucing up”.
- CHS JV Baseball team will play in the “JV Invitational” in LaBelle on Saturday, March 24th @ 1:00 & 4:00 p.m. GO TIGERS!
- CHS Baseball teams will host Ft. Pierce Westwood in a double-header at field #1 (Stalls Field) at Sugarland Sports Complex on Friday, March 23rd at 4:00 & 6:00 p.m. The CHS Lady Tigers will play host for a JV and Varsity matchup against District rival LaBelle Cowgirls on Tuesday, March 27th on Field #8 at the big quad at 5:00 & 7:00 p.m. Come out and support our TIGERS...!!
- Go to www.clewistonrecreation.com to check us out and get information regarding all your recreational needs...And don't forget to friend us on Face book, type in “Clewiston Recreation” and say “Like”...We would appreciate it!